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The Honorable Chairman and Members of the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission Kekuanaoa Building, First Floor 465 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Dear Commissioners:

Subject: Docket No. 2008-0083 - HECO 2009 Test Year Rate Case

Response to PUC-IR-101

Enclosed for filing is Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.'s response to PUC-IR-101. The Company is serving this response on all parties.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure

cc: Division of Consumer Advocacy (w/o enclosure)
Dr. Kay Davoodi, Department of Defense (w/o enclosure)
James N. McCormick, Department of Defense (w/o enclosure)

## PUC-IR-101

Please provide an update on the Reverse Osmosis ("RO") water pipeline from Campbell Industrial Park to Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.'s ("HECO") Kahe Power Plant and related facilities ("RO Water Pipeline"), which was approved in Docket No. 05-0146. Specifically, is the RO Water Pipeline currently "used and useful," and if so, please justify HECO's response. If not, please provide the expected in-service date for the RO Water Pipeline.

## **HECO Response:**

The Kahe RO Water Pipeline was placed into service on July 28, 2009. RO Water was delivered to the Kahe Power Plant from the Board of Water Supply ("BWS") Honouliuli Waste Water Reclamation Facility through the newly constructed 8-inch RO water pipeline. RO Water is available to be used as feedwater for the Kahe Power Plant Demineralized Water Facility. Therefore, the RO Water Pipeline is currently "used and useful."